

Daily Digest

Senate

HIGHLIGHTS

The House agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 1429, Head Start for School Readiness Act.

The House agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 3074, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008.

The House passed H.R. 4156, Orderly and Responsible Iraq Redeployment Appropriations Act, 2008.

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S14353–S14423

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2349–2356, and S. Res. 378–382.

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Measures Reported:

S. 311, to amend the Horse Protection Act to prohibit the shipping, transporting, moving, delivering, receiving, possessing, purchasing, selling, or donation of horses and other equines to be slaughtered for human consumption. (S. Rept. No. 110–229)

H.R. 2089, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 701 Loyola Avenue in New Orleans, Louisiana, as the “Louisiana Armed Services Veterans Post Office”.

H.R. 2276, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 203 North Main Street in Vassar, Michigan, as the “Corporal Christopher E. Esckelson Post Office Building”.

H.R. 3297, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 950 West Trenton Avenue in Morrisville, Pennsylvania, as the “Nate DeTample Post Office Building”.

H.R. 3307, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 570 Broadway in Bayonne, New Jersey, as the “Dennis P. Collins Post Office Building”.

H.R. 3308, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 216 East Main Street in Atwood, Indiana, as the “Lance Corporal David K. Fribley Post Office”.

H.R. 3325, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 235 Mountain Road in Suffield, Connecticut, as the “Corporal Stephen R. Bixler Post Office”.

H.R. 3382, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 200 North William Street in Goldsboro, North Carolina, as the “Philip A. Baddour, Sr. Post Office”.

H.R. 3446, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 202 East Michigan Avenue in Marshall, Michigan, as the “Michael W. Schragg Post Office Building”.

H.R. 3518, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1430 South Highway 29 in Cantonment, Florida, as the “Charles H. Hendrix Post Office Building”.

H.R. 3530, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1400 Highway 41 North in Inverness, Florida, as the “Chief Warrant Officer Aaron Weaver Post Office Building”.

H.R. 3572, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4320 Blue Parkway in Kansas City, Missouri, as the “Wallace S. Hartsfield Post Office Building”.

S. 2107, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 570 Broadway in Bayonne, New Jersey, as the “Dennis P. Collins Post Office Building”.

S. 2110, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 427 North Street in Taft, California, as the “Larry S. Pierce Post Office”.

S. 2150, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4320 Blue Parkway in Kansas City, Missouri, as the “Wallace S. Hartsfield Post Office Building”.

S. 2174, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 175 South Monroe Street in Tiffin, Ohio, as the “Paul E. Gillmor Post Office Building”.

S. 2290, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 16731 Santa Ana Avenue in Fontana, California, as the “Beatrice E. Watson Post Office Building”.

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Measures Passed:

Enrollment Correction: Senate agreed to directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to correct the enrollment of H.R. 1429.

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Breast Cancer Research Postage Stamp Extension: Senate passed S. 597, to extend the special postage stamp for breast cancer research for 4 years, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Durbin (for Feinstein/Hutchison) Amendment No. 3676, to extend the special postage stamp for breast cancer research for 4 years.

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Durbin (for Feinstein) Amendment No. 3678, to amend the title.

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Festival of Diwali: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 299, recognizing the religious and historical significance of the festival of Diwali, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Durbin (for Menendez) Amendment No. 3677, of a perfecting nature.

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International Commission on the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 368, expressing the sense of the Senate that, at the 20th Regular Meeting of the International Commission on the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas, the United States should pursue a moratorium on the eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean bluefin tuna fishery to ensure control of the fishery and further facilitate recovery of the stock, pursue strengthened conservation and management measures to facilitate the recovery of the Atlantic bluefin tuna, and seek a review of compliance by all Nations with the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas' conservation and management recommendation for Atlantic bluefin tuna and other species, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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Military Families: Senate agreed to S. Res. 378, recognizing and thanking all military families for the tremendous sacrifices and contributions they have made to the Nation.

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Feed America Thursday: Senate agreed to S. Res. 379, designating Thursday, November 15, 2007 as “Feed America Thursday”.

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Hostelling International USA: Senate agreed to S. Res. 380, recognizing Hostelling International USA for 75 years of service to intercultural understanding and to youth travel.

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Remembering and Commemorating Maryknoll Sisters: Senate agreed to S. Res. 381, remembering and commemorating the lives and work of Maryknoll Sisters Maura Clarke and Ita Ford, Ursuline Sister Dorothy Kazel, and Cleveland Lay Mission Team Member Jean Donovan, who were executed by members of the Armed Forces of El Salvador on December 2, 1980.

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World Diabetes Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 382, supporting the goals and ideals of World Diabetes Day.

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Measures Considered:

Farm Bill Extension Act: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 2419, to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Pending:

Harkin Amendment No. 3500, in the nature of a substitute.

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Reid (for Dorgan/Grassley) Amendment No. 3508 (to Amendment No. 3500), to strengthen payment limitations and direct the savings to increased funding for certain programs.

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Reid Amendment No. 3509 (to Amendment No. 3508), to change the enactment date.

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Reid Amendment No. 3510 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 3500), to change the enactment date.

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Reid Amendment No. 3511 (to Amendment No. 3510), to change the enactment date.

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Motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, with instructions to report back forthwith, with Reid Amendment No. 3512.

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Reid Amendment No. 3512 (to the instructions of the motion to commit to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, with instructions), to change the enactment date.

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Reid Amendment No. 3513 (to the instructions of the motion to recommit), to change the enactment date.

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Reid Amendment No. 3514 (to Amendment No. 3513), to change the enactment date.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on Harkin Amendment No. 3500 (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the

Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, November 16, 2007. **Page S14387**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, November 16, 2007. **Page S14387**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, November 15, 2007; that only certain amendments be in order, other than the pending amendments, and that they be subject to second-degree amendments that are relevant to the first-degree amendments to which they are offered; provided further, that all germane first-degree amendments be filed at the desk by 1 p.m., on Thursday, November 15, 2007, however Members do not need to refile any germane amendments already filed. **Pages S14421, S14388–89**

Head Start for School Readiness Act—Conference Report: By a unanimous vote of 95 yeas (Vote No. 409), Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 1429, to reauthorize the Head Start Act, to improve program quality, to expand access, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S14375–87**

Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Rule XIV—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that when Senate begins the Rule XIV procedure with respect to H.R. 4156, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, that it be considered as having been initiated on Wednesday, November 14, 2007. **Page S14393**

Executive Reports of Committees: Senate received the following executive reports of a committee:

Report to accompany Tax Convention with Belgium (Treaty Doc. 110–3) (Ex. Rept. 110–2);

Report to accompany Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Denmark (Treaty Doc. 109–19) (Ex. Rept. 110–3);

Report to accompany Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Finland (Treaty Doc. 109–18) (Ex. Rept. 110–4); and

Report to accompany Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Germany (Treaty Doc. 109–20) (Ex. Rept. 110–5). **Pages S14397–98**

Messages from the House: **Page S14396**

Measures Referred: **Page S14397**

Measures Placed on the Calendar: **Page S14397**

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Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S14399–S14401**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

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Additional Statements: **Pages S14395–96**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S14405–15**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Pages S14415–16**

Privileges of the Floor: **Page S14416**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—409) **Page S14386**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:17 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 15, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S14422.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

SHAREHOLDER RIGHTS AND PROXY ACCESS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine shareholder rights and proxy access, after receiving testimony from Christopher Cox, Chairman, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; John J. Castellani, Business Roundtable, and Jeff Mahoney, Council of Institutional Investors, both of Washington, D.C.; Anne Simpson, International Corporate Governance Network, London, United Kingdom; and Dennis Johnson, California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS), Sacramento.

FOREIGN GOVERNMENT INVESTMENTS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine sovereign wealth fund acquisitions and other foreign government investments in the United States, focusing on assessing the economic and national security implications, after receiving testimony from David McCormick, Under Secretary of the Treasury for International Affairs; Alan Larson, Covington and Burling, LLP, New York, New York; Edwin M. Truman, Peterson Institute for International Economics, and Patrick Mulloy, Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, both of Washington, D.C.; and Gerald Lyons, Standard Chartered Bank, London, United Kingdom.

FEDERAL CLIMATE CHANGE RESEARCH AND INFORMATION PROGRAM

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine ways to improve the Federal Climate Change Research and Information Program, after receiving testimony from John H. Marburger, III, Director, Office of Science